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Application of

Applicant : J. Scott Buchanan
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Title : "Integrated Process for Preparing
Dialkyl Carbonates with a Circulating
Catalyst"
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Examiner : Laura Lynne Stockton
Group Art Unit : 1626

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

→ In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 16, 2002, the Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of claims 1-13 (Group I).

The Applicants believe the Restriction Requirement is improper on the basis that a search of all of the inventions in the application would not be unduly burdensome to the Examiner. The Applicants particularly believe that a search directed to the inventions of Group I, II, III, IV, V, and VI would not be burdensome to the Examiner, and, for that reason, the restriction of the inventions of Groups I, II, III, IV, V, and VI is improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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